SUPERNATURAL AND SPIRITUAL

The book of Genesis depicts the first union of two individuals becoming one flesh. What does this mean? On the obvious level, one flesh refers to the physical union of the two, also known as sexual intercourse. Within the sexual relationship as described by Scripture, there is the physical interaction of the male and female bodies, complementarily, biologically, and anatomically speaking.

But humanity is more than pieces that fit together anatomically. The union between a man and a woman is consummated in the relationship through the sexual act, but it also transcends into a spiritual one (cf. Mark 10:9; Eph. 5:32). The union occurs on an intellectual, emotional, and social level. Family structures are realigned; hormones and brain activities are recalibrated; thinking patterns are reset. Married couples are to leave father and mother, for the two enter a new social status. Living together as a married couple, they are a new social and economic unit.

The Bible emphasizes that a couple ought not be unequally yoked. This does not mean they have to agree on everything, for unity is not uniformity. Nor does it mean they “complete each other.” It is Christ who completes each of us (Col. 2:10) and we are not to lose our individuality in the other (Eccl. 4:9). Rather, God reigns and directs their individuality as well as their unity.

More than merely a physical act, marital sexuality becomes one of the spiritual glues that unite two selfish beings as husband and wife despite living in a sinful world. By itself, though, it is insufficient glue for a lasting marriage. The supernatural and spiritual unity is vital!
Write out Song of Solomon 7:1–8:7 from the Bible translation of your choice. If you are pressed for time, write out Song of Solomon 8:6, 7. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map the chapter.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse from Song of Solomon 7:1–8:7. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

Which parts of the Song of Solomon stand out to you and why?

What does the ambiguous ending of the Song of Solomon point to?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are evidences of the devil’s hatred of the sacred, especially of biblical sexuality?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

1 Corinthians 6:15–20  
Genesis 1:26–28  
Genesis 2:23–25  
Matthew 19:5, 6  
Ephesians 5:28–33  
Hebrews 13:4

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with oneness?

Review your memorized verse from Song of Solomon 7:1–8:7.
Meditate on Song of Solomon 7:1–8:7 again and look for where Jesus is.

How does oneness reveal the power of God in your personal context?

What is He saying to you through these texts?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer: How do you respond to seeing Jesus in this way?

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the text, what are applications you can make personally and privately?

What are applications you can make with others?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/sex05-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Why are the biblical standards of sexuality challenged by the world?

Why do holiness and sexuality seem like they are from two different worlds?

What has been your experience with the Song of Solomon?

Where are areas that you have learned about biblical sexuality?

How does sexual intimacy reveal the search for God?

Why is oneness so important to sexuality?

Why is oneness so important to salvation?

What are examples of the negative repercussions of not following biblical counsel regarding sexuality?